

CO-OPERATIVE FEDERATION OF VICTORIA LTD

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

held at Bonlac Foods Limited, 566 St. Kilda Rd, Melbourne on

Tuesday 3rd August 1993

24/93 PRESENT:

Board of Directors

S. Chenery
J. Gill
V. Hughes
E. Long
D. McMullan
I. Ristrom
J. Saunders

A. Gill (Secretary)

Guest

D. Ryan

25/93 APOLOGIES:

B. Macintosh, K. O'Neill, S. O'Rourke

Resolved

"The apologies are accepted."

26/93 MINUTES:

Resolved

"That the minutes of the board meeting held on 6 July, 1993 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting and be duly signed by the chairman."

27/93 CORRESPONDENCE:

The secretary tabled incoming and outgoing correspondence since 6 July, 1993.

Resolved

"That the correspondence be received."

28/93 MEMBERSHIP:

Applications for membership

Three applications for membership were received.

Resolved

"That the following co-operatives be approved for membership of the Federation and the accompanying shares allotted:

<u>Co-operative</u>	<u>Shares</u>
Northern Geelong Rental Housing Co-operative Ltd	311 to 315
Para Park Co-operative Game Reserve Ltd	316 to 320
Skye Children's Co-operative Ltd	321 to 325"

Member delegates

Resolved

"That the following member delegates be accepted pursuant to the rules:

<u>Delegate</u>	<u>Co-operative</u>
Anthony Milner	Para Park Co-operative Game Reserve Ltd
Angela Snow	Skye Children's Co-operative Ltd
Stephen Chenery	Wholefoods Co-operative Ltd."

Cancellation of shares of dissolved members

The secretary advised that 11 co-operative members were dissolved since 1986 and recommended the cancellation of their shares.

Resolved

"That the shares of the following dissolved members be cancelled and the associated share monies credited to the forfeiture share reserve:

<u>Dissolved Member</u>	<u>Shares</u>
Victorian Credit Co-operative Association Ltd	11 to 15
Western Herd Improvement Co-operative Ltd	41 to 45
Ballarat Employment Co-operative Ltd	76 to 80
Public Images Co-operative Ltd	101 to 105
Goulburn Valley Herd Improvement Co-operative Ltd	106 to 110
Murrabit Advancement Co-operative Ltd	116 to 120
Rochester Herd Improvement Co-operative Ltd	146 to 150
Numerkah East Goulburn Herd Improvement Co-operative Ltd	166 to 170
Hodja Educational Resources Co-operative Ltd	201 to 205
Maryborough Bootstrap Trading Co-operative Ltd	216 to 220
Associated Herd Improvement Co-operative Ltd	241 to 245"

29/93 RESIGNATION OF DIRECTORS:

The secretary advised that Messers O. Slattery and I. Symons have given the prescribed one month's notice in writing of their intention to resign as directors of the Federation.

Resolved

"The board accepts the resignations of Mr. O. Slattery and Mr. I. Symons with regret."

30/93 FILLING CASUAL VACANCIES:

Mr. Saunders and Ms. K. O'Neill offered themselves to fill the vacancies on the board caused by the resignation of Messers Slattery and Symons.

Resolved

"That Mr. J. Saunders and Ms. K. O'Neill be appointed directors to fill the vacancies on the board in place of Mr. O. Slattery and Mr. I. Symons respectively."

31/93 STATE GOVERNMENT REPORT:

Co-operatives Legislation

The secretary reported that the draft document on the proposed legislation released by the Manager of the Co-operatives Unit, Mr. Henry, on 5 May, 1993 was incomplete.

The secretary advised that the Attorney-General's Department has not yet resolved a number of outstanding policy issues."

Resolved

"That the secretary write to the Victorian Attorney-General seeking consultation on the proposed co-operatives legislation."

It was suggested that individual directors approach members of Parliament whom they know to express the Federation's desire to be consulted on the legislation.

Co-operative Societies (General) Regulations 1993

The secretary tabled the revised scale of fees under the 1993 regulations, and highlighted the increases in the fees compared to 1992.

The board noted the revised scale of fees.

32/93 SECRETARY'S REPORT:

A report on the activities of the secretary from 6th July, 1993 to 2nd August, 1993 was tabled.

Resolved

"That the secretary's report be received."

33/93 FINANCE REPORT:

End of year accounts

E. Long tabled the auditors report on the 1992/93 accounts. Mr. Long advised that the auditor suggested that next year's accounts be prepared in the modern form.

Resolved

"That the auditors report be received."

1993/94 annual subscription

The secretary calculated that between \$20,000 and \$25,000 could be raised from subscription's for 1993/94 based on the Federation's 1982/83 formula.

Resolved

"The board recommends to members the adoption of the 1982/83 annual subscription formula for the 1993/94 financial year."

34/93 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

Notice/Agenda

The secretary tabled a draft notice and agenda for the forthcoming annual meeting.

Resolved

"That the notice and agenda as tabled be forwarded to members."

"That the annual meeting be brought forward to 2.30 p.m."

Annual report

Resolved

"That the 1993 annual report be tabled at the annual meeting."

Guests

The board discussed inviting guests to the annual meeting.

Resolved

"That Mr. Mathimugan, ex AAC members and other co-operatives be invited to attend the annual meeting."

Co-operative forum

The board discussed the holding a forum after the annual meeting and considered a number of options for the programme.

Resolved

"That an overview of following co-operative sectors (speakers) comprise the programme for the ~~seminar~~ ^{forum} following the annual meeting:

Retail (Bill Quinlan), Health Services (Vern Hughes), Housing (Jean Evans), Agriculture (Ian Risstrom), Community Development (Kerry O'Neill) and Child Care."

Chairman of meeting

Resolved

"That Mr. John Gill act as Chairman of the annual meeting."

35/93 GENERAL BUSINESS:

Co-operatives' Council of Australia

The secretary advised that the first meeting of the Council is to be held in Adelaide on 5 August, 1993. Mr. Saunders advised that due to a prior commitment, he was unable to attend the meeting.

Resolved

"That the secretary attend the Council meeting on 5 August on behalf of the Federation."

The board considered a range of matters for the secretary to convey to the meeting.

Resolved

"That the secretary adopt the following positions at the meeting:

- * there is a consensus among directors of the need for a national co-operative body;
- * the board has yet to be convinced that the Council is the appropriate national body;
- * the Federation would not be bound by any decision of the Council;
- * the board believes it is premature for the Council to seek membership of the International Co-operative Alliance;
- * the Federation does not give a commitment to the Council beyond the 5 August meeting."

Health co-operatives

The board considered a proposal to promote health co-operatives to a State Government review on Victoria's health services.

The board agreed that there was insufficient notice given for due consideration of the proposal. The board urged the South Kingsville Health Services Co-operative to put forward a submission to the review and for directors to advise Mr. Hughes of comments on the proposal before 16 August.

Government reviews

The board agreed that consideration needs to be given to how the Federation should respond to government reviews in the future.

Resolved

"That the board consider the issue of government reviews at the next board meeting after the annual meeting."

Consultant's agreement

The board perused the draft agreement submitted by the secretary.

Resolved

"That banking, drawing of cheques and monies, and the signing of cheques and other negotiable instruments be added to the agreement as tasks of the secretary."

36/93 NEXT MEETING:

Resolved

"That the next board meeting be held at Victorian Producers' Co-operative Co., Millers Rd, Brooklyn on Thursday 9th September, 1993 commencing at 1.00 p.m."

37/93 CLOSE:

The meeting closed at 4.00 p.m.

Signed:
(Chairman)

Date: 9/9/93